

Hold On
Tom Waits

(verse 1)

E **A**
They hung a sign up in out town
B7 **E**
if you live it up, you won t live it down
E **A**
So, she left Monte Rio, son
B7 **E**
Just like a bullet leaves a gun
A **B7**
With charcoal eyes and Monroe hips
E **A**
She went and took that California trip
F#m **B7**
Well, the moon was gold, her Hair like wind
F#m **B7**
She said don t look back just Come on Jim

(chorus)

Oh you got to
E **B** **E**
Hold on, Hold on
A
You got to hold on
E **B**
Take my hand, I m standing right here
E
You gotta hold on

(verse 2)

E **A**
Well, he gave her a dimestore watch
B7 **E**
And a ring made from a spoon
E **A**
Everyone is looking for someone to blame
B7 **E**
But you share my bed, you share my name
A **B7**
Well, go ahead and call the cops
E **A**
You don t meet nice girls in coffee shops
F#m **B7**
She said baby, I still love you
F#m **B7**

Sometimes there s nothin left to do

(chorus)

Oh you got to

E B E

Hold on, Hold on

A

Baby, You got to hold on

E B

Take my hand, I m standing right here

E

You gotta hold on

(verse 3)

E

A

Well, God bless your crooked little heart

B7

E

St. Louis got the best of me

E A

I miss your broken-china voice

B7

E

How I wish you were still here with me

A

B7

Oh, you build it up, you wreck it down

E

A

You burn your mansion to the ground

F#m

B7

When there s nothing left to keep you here, when

F#m

B7

You re falling behind in this big blue world

(chorus)

Oh you got to

E B E

Hold on, Hold on

A

Baby you got to hold on

E B

Take my hand, I m standing right here

E

You gotta hold on

(verse 4)

E

A

Down by the Riverside motel,

B7

E

It s 10 below and falling

E A

By a ninety nine cent store

B7

E

She closed her eyes and started swaying

A

B7

But it s so hard to dance that way

E

A

When it s cold and there s no music

F#m

B7

Well your old hometown is so far away

F#m

B7

But, inside your head there s a record that s playing

(chorus)

A song called

E

B

E

Hold on, Hold on

A

You got to hold on

E

B

Take my hand, I m standing right here

E

You gotta hold on